



NORTH IDAHO

CENTENNIAL TRAIL FOUNDATION

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August 25, 2006

Secretary of the Board
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423

RE: Docket No. AB-33(Sub-No.218X)
Request to Extend the Period to Negotiate a Trail Use Agreement

Greetings:

I represent the North Idaho Centennial Trail Foundation (NICTF). On March 11, 2005 the STB issued a Decision and Notice of Interim Trail Use or Abandonment granting the NICTF until September 10, 2005 to negotiate an interim trail use/rail banking agreement with UP. Subsequent to that time an additional extension of time was granted until September 10, 2006.

Representatives of NICTF and UP met in Coeur d'Alene recently and a realistic and substantial offer to acquire the subject corridor has been made by NICTF. The offer is being reviewed by UP but at this time no response has been received. Although no interim trail use/rail banking agreement has been reached NICTF believes that an agreement can be reached if NICTF and UP have additional time to negotiate.

By this letter NICTF respectfully requests that the STB grant an extension of the period to negotiate a trail use/rail banking agreement with UP until **January 1, 2007**. My check in the amount of \$350.00 is enclosed in payment of the extension fee, although I have also included NICTF's request for a waiver or reduction of fees.

"I, Michael C. Gridley, Attorney at Law, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Further, I certify that I am qualified and authorized to file this pleading. I further certify that I have served all parties of record in this proceeding with this document by United States mail." Executed on August 25, 2006.

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cc: STB service list parties